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RAIN HAMPERS SMALL GRAIN HARVEST, ROW CROP PLANTING

July 3 - Continued rainfall postponed the completion of wheat harvest and some producers are concerned with wheat sprouting in heads. Over 10 percent of the State's sorghum and soybean crops remain to be planted. Farmers had only 2.1 days suitable for fieldwork during the week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	0	2	68	30
Last Week	0	4	68	28
Last Year	0	3	74	23

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	0	8	77	15
Last Week	2	15	70	13
Last Year	0	2	77	21

SMALL GRAINS: Wheat harvest is now 93 percent complete with all the major wheat-producing districts over 90 percent harvested. The Panhandle was the only major district where significant harvest progress occurred last week. Harvest is only 65 percent complete in the eastern third of Oklahoma where fields continue to be wet. Nearly half of the State's wheat ground has been plowed at least once. Oat and rye harvest is 75 and 59 percent completed. Many acres of rye are continuing to go to the ground and weeds may become a huge problem.

ROW CROPS: Wet weather restricted row crop planting but provided moisture for development. Corn silking ranged from less than one percent in the major-producing Panhandle to over 50 percent in most areas of eastern Oklahoma. Emergence of sorghum ranged from 71 percent in the Panhandle to over 95 percent in the East Central district. Soybean emergence ranged from near 75 percent in the eastern one-third of Oklahoma to near 100 percent in the South Central district. Plans to double crop wheat acreage with sorghum or soybeans may not happen in eastern Oklahoma due to the lateness of wheat harvest. Half of the peanuts and cotton in the Southwest district were in the pegging or squaring stage of development. Many cotton producers are concerned about applying Roundup for timely weed control.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT Week Ending July 2, 2000

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	0	6	78	16
Sorghum	0	4	19	69	8
Soybeans	1	1	24	61	13
Peanuts	0	3	33	56	8
Cotton	0	0	25	55	20

HAY: Alfalfa and all other hay cuttings made limited progress due to the wet weather. Future growth potential is excellent with the current soil moisture conditions. Some cut hay has lost its quality having been rained on several times.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending July 2, 2000

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	0	4	21	63	12
Other Hay	0	2	19	60	19

PASTURE: Range and pasture conditions continued to improve with moisture. Fescue harvest is underway in the Northeast district. Despite rainfall, grasshoppers continued to plague many pastures.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were rated in mostly good condition. Cattle auctions reported near average marketings. Prices for feeder steers were steady. Horn flies and ticks were moderately heavy in many areas of the State.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending July 2, 2000

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	1	7	73	19
Pasture & Range	0	2	16	54	28

MISCELLANEOUS CROPS: Peaches were rated in mostly fair condition in the Southwest and Southeast districts to good-to-excellent condition in the East Central district. Most areas report a near average fruit crop. Watermelons were rated in fair-to-good condition with harvest yet to begin.

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS									
July 2, 2000									
Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr. Avg	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr. Avg
Wheat -					Peanuts -				
Harvested	93	85	78	88	Pegging	40	11	21	34
Plowed	49	46	28	41	Setting Pods	0	n/a	4	5
Oats -					Cotton -				
Harvested	75	70	77	78	Emerged	100	96	100	96
Plowed	31	28	20	32	Squaring	47	26	22	25
Corn -					Setting Bolls	3	n/a	0	1
Silking	13	12	18	28	Alfalfa Hay				
Dough	4	n/a	6	6	2 nd Cutting	72	63	69	73
Sorghum -					3 rd Cutting	8	n/a	10	13
Planted	87	78	89	90	Other Hay				
Emerged	80	57	72	75	1 st Cutting	75	75	73	72
Headed	2	n/a	3	4	2 nd Cutting	7	4	7	7
Soybeans -					Watermelons				
Planted	85	85	67	84	Setting Fruit	61	40	52	57
Emerged	77	75	52	69					
Blooming	3	2	8	11					

WEATHER FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 2, 2000 - Temperatures ranged from 55.3 degrees at Kenton on Friday, June 30th to 102.2 degrees at Kenton on Sunday, July 2nd. Precipitation averaged 0.59 in. Southeast district to 2.54 in. Southwest and East Central districts. Individual Mesonet stations ranged from 0.00 in. at Mt. Herman to 5.52 in. at Washington. Soil temperatures averaged 67.1 degrees at Kenton on Wednesday, June 28th to 86.9 degrees at Slapout on Sunday, July 2nd.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA							
Week Ending July 2, 2000							
Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	March 1 to July 2, 2000		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
Degrees			Inches				
Panhandle	83	63	72.1	0.77	10.74	+ 1.71	119
West Central	81	67	73.0	2.28	19.27	+ 7.26	160
Southwest	83	68	74.6	2.54	17.29	+ 4.73	138
North Central	84	66	74.3	1.12	18.30	+ 6.17	151
Central	83	68	74.4	2.43	18.91	+ 3.76	125
South Central	84	70	75.8	1.58	14.59	- 2.17	87
Northeast	83	67	74.7	1.25	24.40	+ 7.35	143
East Central	84	67	75.4	2.54	23.80	+ 5.52	130
Southeast	86	69	76.3	0.59	19.83	- 0.53	97